



**Electric Board  
APPROVED MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
October 17, 2018**

The Electric Board convened in a Board Meeting on October 17, 2018 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, Room 300, Austin, Texas.

Board Chair Pomikahl called the Board Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Randy Pomikahl, David Johnson, Robert Schmidt, Delwin Goss, Robert Bowne, Mark Weaver and Gabe Flores

**Members Not in Attendance:** Jacob Pereira, Matthew Friestman, David Dixon, Michael Portnoy and Ben Brenneman

**Staff in Attendance:** Richard Anderson (DSD), Rick Arzola (DSD), Carl Thompson (DSD) and Alan Anders (DSD)

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** Joseph Rodriguez, Myrna Rios, Stephanie Hall with City Clerk office. Julius Heslop and Brantley Gosey with Austin Energy
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the September 12, 2018 meeting was approved. Board member Bowne made a motion to accept the minutes. Board member Schmidt seconded, and the motion passed 7-0
3. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
  - a. **Attendance Report:** Joseph Rodriguez, program coordinator with the city clerk office takes in discussion and assists the electrical board with the ongoing attendance record. City Clerk office staff recommends setting an item on the agenda for discussion and possible action and electing a representative(s) to speak at council and to reaching out to their appointing council members to voice their concerns. The clerk office does emphasize that the best method on speaking on behalf of an attendance matter is to speak to your appointing council member. The next best method is the new citizen communication. It allows up to 10 speakers, at noon and only on city council days to speak to the mayor and council on any issues.
  - b. **Austin Energy Criteria:** Julius Heslop updates the board on the completion of the Austin Criteria Manual (ACM). DSD staff is suggesting that a management level meeting needs to take place with DSD and Austin Energy staff to clarify the jurisdiction, work and ownership are clear between inspections and AE. Board wants an update from this management meeting.
  - c. **BCM Rule Changes:** DSD staff hands out rules adoption calendar and staff is trying to push for the Nov 6 deadline but feels a February 5 date may be more manageable. Vice Chair Johnson declares as of last month September 2018 that this discussion has been ongoing for a year and clearly states that “this needs to happen”. DSD staff also gave an update to the board after hearing Carl Thompson notice that he is accepting a new position with DSD Expedited Plan Review team as an electrical reviewer. DSD staff noted that 6 new electrical postings are being sought after and only one applicant has applied. Staff has extended its search to the end of the month to find its qualified candidates. DSD will be looking nationally as well as internal and external for those applicants which will include Carl’s previous position as “chief”. But for now DSD Staff

member Richard Anderson will take over duties in place of Carl and will be making an “aggressive hiring strategy” with Carl’s position. It will be posted for 14 days nationally and is hoping to receive enough qualified applicants so that interviews can happen soon to end that search.

- d. 2019 Calendar-** Board approved 2019 calendar with one modification. Move Dec 19 date to Dec 18. Vice Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the 2019 Calendar and Chairman Pomikahl seconded. Motion pass 7-0

#### **4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- a. Attendance Language on selecting representatives.
- b. Austin Criteria Manual- Update from Managerial meeting-
- c. Contractor registration update.

#### **6. ADJOURN:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pomikahl and second by Goss for a 7-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.